

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene Oregon  
**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as national Neurofibromatosis month to inform the public about this common genetic disorder; and

**WHEREAS:** Neurofibromatosis is more prevalent than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular Dystrophy, and Huntington's disease combined; and

**WHEREAS:** Over 100,000 Americans have Neurofibromatosis and one of every 4,000 newborns will develop the disorder, it nevertheless is relatively unknown to the public; and

**WHEREAS:** Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow along nerves throughout the body, and can effect the development of other parts of the body, such as bone and skin tumors, bone deformities such as scoliosis of the spine; leg bowing and/or twisting, progressive loss of hearing, sight and balance; learning disabilities; and other symptoms; and


**WHEREAS:** The Children's Tumor Foundation promotes and supports research aimed at finding the causes of the disorder and developing treatments and a cure, provides information to people with Neurofibromatosis, informs the public about the disorder, and is a resource for medical and health professionals; and

**WHEREAS:** While researchers have identified the genes that cause Neurofibromatosis, much remains to be done to raise awareness and funding to develop methods of prevention, treatment and a cure; and the Children's Tumor Foundation leads the efforts in this regard.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim May 1- 31, 2006, to be

***Neurofibromatosis Month***

and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and increase awareness of Neurofibromatosis.

  
Kitty Piercy, Mayor  
*Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2006*